

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL POPULATION DWELLING IN PROTECTED FORESTS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the strength of tribal population dwelling in the reserved and protected forests in different States and Union Territories, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (b) whether proposals have been received from various State Governments to provide settlement of land to these tribal families;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

- (a) The demographic details of tribal population dwelling in the reserved and protected forests in different States and Union Territories are not maintained by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs or the Registrar General of India.
- (b), (c) and (d): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements only one Act i.e. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 which vests rights to eligible Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers. The implementation of this Act is the responsibility of the State Governments. Hence, no proposals have been received from States in this regard.